Remarks/Arguments

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12-15 have been deemed allowable. Claims 3-6, and 9-10 have been deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 5. Independent claim 7 has been rewritten to include the allowable subject matter of claim 9. It is submitted that all independent claims, and therefore all remaining dependent claims are now allowable. Such action is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Romesburg (U.S. Patent No. 5,742,191). It is submitted that the claim amendments as listed above render this rejection moot.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's representative at (609) 734-6804, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled. No fee is believed due. However, if a fee is due, please charge the additional fee to Deposit Account 07-0832.

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